

## New President Named For Beirut University



Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose Jr.  
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Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose Jr., special adviser on budgetary matters in the office of the Secretary of National Defense, will succeed Dr. Bayard Dodge as president of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Harold B. Hoskins, president of the board of trustees, announced yesterday at the offices of the Near East College Association, 46 Cedar Street.

Dr. Penrose becomes the fourth president of the largest of eight affiliated colleges providing education in six Near East nations. Founded in 1866 as Syrian Protestant College, the university, with its preparatory school, has an enrollment of 2,500 students representing forty nationalities and thirty religious sects.

Born in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1908, Dr. Penrose began his professional career in 1928 as instructor in physics at Beirut. He later became dean of men at Whitman College in Walla Walla and received his Ph. D. from Columbia University in 1934.

He received the Bronze Star for his work with the Office of Strategic Services during the war and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Philosophical Society.

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25 September 1947

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Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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